

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 12 were pending in the application at the time of examination. Claims 1 to 12 stand rejected as anticipated.

Prior to addressing the rejections in detail, Applicant respectfully notes that a Revocation and Substitution of Attorney was filed in the above application by first class mail on November 1, 2004 and a return receipt postcard dated stamped "Nov 05 2004" was received indicating that the USPTO received the paper. Nevertheless, the pending office action was mailed to attorneys that are no longer responsible for the application. If the Revocation is not in the file, the Examiner is respectfully requested to notify the undersigned attorney so that a copy of the date stamped return receipt postcard and a duplicate copy can be filed. Please address all future correspondence concerning the above application to the undersigned attorney.

Claims 1, 7 and 10 have been amended to move the limitations in the preamble into the body of the claim and to more clearly recite that the elements and methods are associated with a host system.

Claims 1 to 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,748,420, hereinafter referred to as Quatrano. In the rejection of Claim 3, the rejection stated that

at least one application having a support module for receiving a user request;

of Claim 3 was taught exactly by

If the collaboration adapter 200 in step 426 determines that the cached pages 208 contain a copy of the requested application response information, then in step 427, the collaboration adapter 200 returns (via path 214)

a cached copy of the application response information 208-1 (obtained when participant 10 established the shared session) associated with the shared session to the HTTP handler interceptor 32 along with the shared session and shared session participant cookies/IDs. That is, in step 427, the collaboration adapter 200 which generates the shared session and shared session participant cookies in step 424 passes these cookies along with a copy of the requested application response information 208 to the HTTP handler interceptor 32 to be returned to the requesting participant 20.

Quatrano, Col. 24, lines 33 to 46. It is unclear from the rejection, what in this section is considered to be the application and what is considered to be the support module. The collaboration adapter and the HTTP handler interceptor are both on Web server 430 as is application response information 208-1. Thus, all of the elements mentioned in this section are on web server 430, which the reference teaches is different from application server 50. In addition, none of these elements are described as being associated with "support."

Fig. 7 of Quatrano, for example shows that application 58 resides on application server 58. Since the rejection fails to cite any teaching of application 58 having a support module for receiving a user request, the rejection itself shows that the reference fails to teach exactly what is claimed by relying on other than what the reference considered to be an application.

In addition, while the examiner is permitted to interpret claim limitation broadly, the MPEP puts specific bounds on such an interpretation. Specifically,

**CLAIMS MUST BE GIVEN THEIR BROADEST REASONABLE
INTERPRETATION**

During patent examination, the pending claims must be "given * >their< broadest reasonable interpretation consistent with the specification."

MPEP § 2111 8th Ed. Rev. 2, p 2100-46 (May 2004).

The broadest reasonable interpretation of the claims must also be consistent with the interpretation that those skilled in the art would reach.

MPEP § 2111 8th Ed. Rev. 2, p 2100-47 (May 2004).

**>Claim terms are presumed to have the ordinary and customary meanings attributed to them by those of ordinary skill in the art.

MPEP § 2111.01, II., 8th Ed. Rev. 2, p 2100-48 (May 2004).

The interpretation of the claim language in the rejection is inconsistent with the interpretation of "application" in both Applicant's disclosure and in Quatrano, and so according to the MPEP is beyond the permissible breadth. Since Quatrano defines the level of skill in the art, the MPEP, as quoted above, requires that the interpretation must be consistent with Quatrano. However, Quatrano specifically defines an application and that definition is different from the elements described in Col. 24, lines 33 to 46. This fact alone is sufficient to establish that Quatrano fails to disclose the invention at the same level of detail as recited in Claim 3, and therefore sufficient to overcome the anticipation rejection.

Nevertheless, the rejection stated that

a first support interface module comprising:
a session handler for receiving the user request from the support module and for controlling the activities of the first support interface module;
at least a first session generated by the session handler for processing the user request;
a first transport handler initialized by the at least a first session for managing communications with the support host; and

of Claim 3 was taught exactly by

In step 421, the participant 20 (via his or her user browser) establishes a user session (e.g., an HTTP session) with the web server 30 and sends a request 110 to join the shared session, for example, by specifying the name of the shared session within a "join shared session" command contained in an HTTP request 110. As explained above with respect to participant 10, creation of a participant session with the web server 30 involves the HTTP handler interceptor 32 creating another HTTP session state (e.g., 34-2, not specifically numbered) for the HTTP user session (e.g., 13 in FIG. 1) associated with participant 20. (Emphasis added)

In step 422, the HTTP handler interceptor 32 intercepts the HTTP join-shared-session request 110 from participant 20 and forwards the request 110 (e.g., via the path 210) to the collaboration adapter 200. (Emphasis Added.)

Quatrano, Col. 23, lines 12 to 26. The first paragraph is described as being performed by a web browser (See 421 in Fig. 5 of Quatrano) while the second paragraph is described as being performed by the HTTP handler interceptor. These two items are not shown as being on the same host system in Quatrano, while all the elements recited in Claim 3 are in a host system. This is but further evidence that the anticipation rejection of Claim 3 is not well founded.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of Claim 3. If the Examiner disagrees and continues the rejection, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite with specificity what elements in Quatrano are considered to comprise the host system and then in that system, each of the elements in the claim. The Examiner is also respectfully requested to cite the teaching in Quatrano that supports such an interpretation since none of the cited elements in Quatrano are described as interacting with application 58 of Quatrano.

Claims 4 to 6 depend from Claim 3 and distinguish over Quatrano for at least the same reasons as Claim 3. Again, Applicant points out that Quatrano defines "an application" and the rejection ignores this definition and cites to elements in Quatrano that Quatrano expressly defined as being different from the application. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of Claims 4 to 6.

Claims 1, 2, 7, and 9 to 12 stand rejected for similar reasons as stated in the rejection with respect to Claim 3. The above comments with respect to Claim 3 are incorporated herein by reference for each of Claims 1, 7 and 10. As noted above, the rejection redefines elements in Quatrano and selects elements from different systems as teaching Applicant's inventions. Such re-definitions and combinations are not taught by the reference and so cannot form the basis for an anticipation rejection. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of independent Claims 1, 7 and 10.

Claim 2 depends from Claim 1 and distinguishes over Quatrano for at least the same reasons as Claim 1. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of Claim 2.

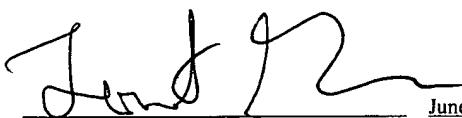
Claims 8 and 9 depend from Claim 7 and distinguish over Quatrano for at least the same reasons as Claim 7. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of Claim 8 and 9.

Claims 11 and 12 depend from Claim 10 and distinguish over Quatrano for at least the same reasons as Claim 10. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of Claim 11 and 12.

Claims 1 to 12 remain in the application. Claims 1, 7 and 10 have been amended. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant(s) respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

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